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LOUISIANA TROOPS

# **BRUNEN WIDOW'S** CASE MUST GO TO JURY, JUDGE RULES

Justice Kallsch Hesitates Before Denying Second Plea of Woman's Counsel

PROSECUTOR SCORES MOHR AS BRAINS OF DEATH PLOT

Charges That Circus Man's Widow Showed Her Good Actress on Witness Stand

Harry C. Mohr was branded "the master mind" and "arch criminal" in the murder of "Honest John" Brunen in the closing address of Assistant Prosecutor Robert Peacock today at the grial of Mohr and his sister, Mrs. Doris Brunen, for the crime,

The case, begun Monday a week ago. probably will be in the hands of the

The assistant prosecutor did not spare He asserted that the tears she when telling her story of the murder "were not tears of love and sorrow for her husband, but tears of

Though Mr. Peacock handled Mrs. Brunen without mercy, Supreme Court Justice Kalisch, who with Judge Wells is trying the case, was on the point of taking it away from the jury, so far as Mrs. Brunen was concerned, and though he refused finally to do this, said he "would take care of the matter in his charge."

Asked How State Involved Her Justice Kalisch seemed much im-

pressed with the reasons given by Walter Keown, attorney for the cfense, in wring that the indictment against Mrs. Brunen be dropped on the ground that the State had not conected her in any way with the crime.

Before he refused this motion the
Justice required Jonathan Kelsey.
county prosecutor, to state his reasons

for maintaining that the evidence had involved Mrs. Brunen. A similar motion to free Mohr on the same grounds met with a less hesitant refusal.

Mr. Peacock began his closing address a few minutes before 11 o clock

and was still speaking when a recess was taken for luncheon at 12:13. The time schedule of an automobile trip last night, made from Cambridge Station, N. J., to Fifty-ninth and Spruce streets, Philadelphia, was inluced as the final bit of evidence for

The evidence was offered to prove that chief witness, and have reached the of-fice of Dr. William C. T. Poulson, at 5048 Spruce street, by 8 o'clock.

The request is in the form of Powell swore that after he had shot Brunen he ran to Cambridge station, where he said Harry Mohr was waiting for him in his small counce, and the speakers on the resolution.

bridge station to Fifty-ninth and Spruce

Park's testimony showed that he reached the doctor's house at 8:20 ough he went at breakneck speed and had unusually good fortune in making connections and avoiding de-

Tells of Time Test

Park testified: "Under instruction from Mr. Keown I left at 7:25 sharp. Twelfth street, to Cooper street, to Delaware avenue, to Market street on the Camden side of the ferry.

"I took with me Clarence Graham, of Riverton. We arrived at the form

at 7:50. I drove at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, and I wouldn't We passed everything we stopped nowhere. We were the first blocked at the ferry and were the first the boat. It consumed five we arrived at the ferry until the boat left the slip. It took six minutes for the boat to cross the river, and we arrived in Philadel-phia at 8:01. We went right out Marphia at 8:01. We went right out Mar-ket street to Thirty-second, to Spruce, to Sixtieth, taking the quickest route."
"Were there any traffic stops on the

trip?" asked Mr. Keown.
"Only two, one at Broad Street Station, of a half minute only, and the
other several squares west at the express office, where we were blocked one-half minute by a truck backing in.

"We arrived at Fifty-ninth and Spruce strets at 8:20 o'clock. The total running time was fifty-five minutes."

Walked It in Eleven Minutes The witness was asked how long it would take to get from the Phila-delphia ferry to 45 Cooper street, Cam-den. He testified that his companion. braham, had covered this distance by walking on the return trip. Graham, he said, left Philadelphia on the 8:4-1 boat and arrived at 8:55, taking eleven minutes for the trip. I watched him do it, and he made it at a moderate pace. Mohr's car?" Mr. Keown asked. "Yes, it runs as well as a new car. It is not as fast as the car I used last night. No new car could go at the pace I drove on a cold night like last

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## HOSPITAL BLAZE OUT AS PATIENTS SLEEP SHORTAGE OF FUEL

Slight Blaze in Presbyterian Institution Grounds Extinguished A fire at the Presbyterian Hospital, starting at 6:20 o'clock this morning, was extinguished by watchmen before patients in the institution knew there was a blaze.
The fire started when a large piece

of canvas being dried around a fire by workmen engaged in building an addition to the hospital, caught fire. A passerby saw the finnes shooting up from the canvas and turned in an alarm. The fire apparatus approached the hospital quietly, however, and none of the natients was severed. of the patients was arous

## JERSEY BARN FIRES LAID TO FIREBUGS

Gloucester Farmers Believe Pennsylvania Incendiaries Are Responsible

VACANT BUILDING BURNED

Two barns in Gloucester County, N. J., were burned to the ground early to-Jury at Mount Holly, N. J., by day in fires believed to have been of inendiary origin. Farmers of the county believe the

the vicinity of Mantua, two miles be-

Benjamin Terry, the barn was dis-covered ablaze at 1:30 o'clock by a motorist. Supposing it had been no-ticed by the Terrys, he continued on his way to Mantua and turned in an Firemen from Mantun Heights and Wenonah went to the scene. When they arrived they found the Terrys still asleep and the barn almost empletely destroyed. Two horses and burned, along with all farm nachinery and crops.

Empty Barn Is Burned

The second fire occurred in an abandoned barn on the farm of Herman Worthington, one mile from Mantua, on the Barnesboro road. It had not been in use for more than a year and been in use for more than a year and contained no crops or livestock. Because of that fact County Detective Steelman and Deputy Sheriff Harry Leap, who are investigating the fires, believed the barn to have been fired by

incendiaries.

Farmers of the county, alarmed by the ten fires in barns, have urged County Prosecutor Joseph Lanagan to take action to capture the firebugs they believe to be responsible for the blazes. believe to be responsible for the blazes. A committee of farmers from the Man-tua section called upon the County

State Ald Asked

The Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture today forwarded to Mohr could not have left Riverside. Governor Sproul a request that he de-N. J., on the night of the crime, at the time specified by Charles M. Powell. Delaware and Montgomery Counties self-confessed murderer and the State's to capture the incendiary gang which has caused a \$500,000 loss to far-

where he said Harry Mohr was waiting
for him in his small coupe, and that
they got away from the station at 7:25

Already at work in the three counties. burning of barns continues and the Mohr testified in his own defense that incendiaries even appear to have behe did nothing of the sort, and that come bolder in their activities. Four he was in the office of Dr. Poulson at barns were burned Monday night and 8 o'clock, a statement which the phy-sician corroborated.

The defense desired to show that it night since the incendiary reign of Major C. M. Wilhelm, in charge of State police investigating the fires, said today he has obtained certain streets between 7:25 and 8 o'clock, and to prove this Andrew Park, of Camden, an automobile agent and expert, took a car like Mohr's over the same Mills Golf Club fire of Monday night

which he believes will lead to important developments. Paoli Fire Brings Posses

The firebugs, fortified behind a hazard on the Gulph Mills Clib golf course, engaged in a pistol battle with club ployes when they were discovered the act of applying their torch at that barn. It was the first of the thirty-five barn fires at which an ac-

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DRAFT BILL TO CARRY OUT "HOME RULE" AMENDMENT

Officials of Third-Class Cities Meet in Harrisburg

Harrisburg, Dec. 20.-(By A. P.)-Mayors and city solicitors of third-class cities are discussing drafts of a bill to carry out the provisions of the "Home Rule" amendment of the Constitution here today. The confer-ence is a continuation of that held recently in Philadelphia, and the plan is to agree upon a measure which will apply to all cities and permit of the measures of relief which figured in the

arguments for the amendment, Details of several bills are under discussion, one of the chief points being on ways and means for holding of charter elections. Data showing experience of other States with constitutional provisions on, local charters were pre-

FIRE COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS FOR HOME-BREW ACTIVITY

North Carolina Institution Looks Into Room Stills

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)—Resignations of four instructors It is not as fast as the car I used lat North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering here have been requested as a result of charges that without freezing up or having that they made home brew in their trouble."

Mr. Peacock, cross-examining, asked:

"How old is Mohr's car?" "It was bought in November last."

"Did Mohr bring his car to you the "Did Mohr bring his car to you the action followed an investigation by students.

### WEDDING MARKS CLIMAX OF WARTIME ROMANCE

Canadian Hero and Overseas Service DAMPER ON XMAS Girl Marry Today at Haddon Heights



MISS HELEN TRAUB

LEAPS TO DEATH FROM

WINDOW OF HOSPITAL

morning.

According to hospital authorities,

DAUGHERTY INQUIRY

SEEMS NEAR BLOW-UP

mentary Evidence

Michigan, was prepared to lay before the House Judiciary Committee today.

as a result of examination of certain Department of Justice documents, evi-

certain.

dence of a nature to occasion further

Opportunity to examine certain pa-

pers in the department relating to

resentative Keller, of Minnesota prosecution of his impeachment charges against the Attorney General. The pa-

pers he desired to examine, he said, re-lated to the "Wright-Martin case."

New York Judges Advise Mrs. Lau-

Mrs. Bird Shoemaker Laumeier in her

WILL TRANSFORM FASCISTI

Mussolini Has Plans for His Mill-

tant Section

national safety" are in the hands of

Premier Mussolini and will be discussed

by the next council of Ministers. Ac-

Only 70,000 men will be allowed to

join at first. These will be chosen from among the Fascisti who have given

fice and high moral qualities. The offi-

cers will be nominated by royal decree.

BABY BORN AS HOUSE BURNS

Mother and New Arrival Carried

From Blaze by Pittsburgh Firemen

Pittsburgh, Dec. 20.-While the first floor of a frame building here was being

swept by fire yesterday, a child was born to Mrs. Peter Kraterinski, on the sec-

ond floor. The attending physician re-

Mrs. Kraterinski and her baby were arried out by firemen. The physician

best proofs of courage, self-sacri-

INTO MILITIA OF ITALY

Washington, Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)— Inless Representative Woodruff, of

Retail coal dealers are blaming the perators for a shortage in anthracite that is causing suffering in many thousands of homes throughout the city.

Operators say the dealers are getting their full quota of 60 per cent of last

Not Up to Them

pect of Relief Over Holidays

rears' shipments. In fact, they say, Philadelphia is really getting more than its share of coal shipped from the mines.

In the meantime, the consuming public is demanding coal to fill empty bins and is not getting it.

Coal yards of the city virtually are

Audubon, N. J.

The marriage will be performed at 2 in plain clothes. Yesterday was his thirty-fourth birthday anniversary.

Other policemen, attracted by the sound of the platol shots, engaged in a revolution of the platol shots, engaged in a revolution of the platol shots. The marriage will be performed at 2 in plain clothes, Yesterday was his thirty-fourth birthday anniversary.

Other policemen, attracted by the sound of the platol shots, engaged in a revolute battle with the bandits, but they escaped. Later in the night one of the platol shots. Philadelphia is really getting more than its share of coal shipped from the mines. lic is demanding coal to fill empty bins and is not getting it.

regular customers.

"Got any coal?" is the universal appeal to dealers. And the reply in (9) per cent of the cases is this: "We can give you buckwheat. Haven't anything else." Many have soft coal and some have coke. They say they can give no definite word as to when they will have any large size coal to sell.

Emergencies Everywhere The telephone wires are loaded with "emergency calls" to dealers, telling of sickness, and other troubles. But ealers say they are unable to relieve

the shortage because they can't get While many of the dealers blame the shortage here on the producers, Charles K. Scull, secretary of the Philadelphia Coal Exchange, a retail dealer's organizer, says that Philadelphia is getting its full quota of 60 per cent of

last year's supply. In making a canvass of the yards of conl dealers requests for coal were an-Glenwood Ice and Coal Company, Park and Sedgley avenues:

"We have so many orders we will never catch up. Little coal is coming in and we can't get to the bottom of it to find out the reason why. Some blame the railronds and some say the oper-ntors are holding it up. It looks to us like they were sending it away to get more money elsewhere." The question of more money, put to

Edgar C. Felton, chairman of the Fair Practices Committee of the State Fuel Commission, brings the reply that 20 Governor Sproul a request that he de-tail more State police to Chester, per cent of the authracite producers are charging a price which the Coal Com-mission has decided is fair, and the price prevails, Mr. Felton explains, whether the coal is shipped to Philadelphia or Canada.

McAllister Coul Company, Twentyfifth and Reed streets: "We have noth-

ing but buckwheat and do not expect any until January 5. We understand that Canada and New England are that Canada and New Finguesia and bidding against each other for coal and bidding against each it the dealers must Philadelphia gets it the dealers must id more than \$18 a ton at the mines. There is a car shortage; the miners have refused to work Christmas week, have refused to work Christmas week, before the committee yesterday as even after taking the whole hunting witness after the withdrawal of Rep season off, and the water shortage adds to the difficulties."

"Call Again Next Week" Klebe & Co., 1109 West Dauphin street: "If you are a regular customer we might be able to let you have some coal in a week."

Manayunk Coal Company: "Nothing but buckwheat. The rest of the coal is going to Canada and over the ocean for As to the Canadian situation, the

operators, through the Anthracite reau of Information, say that Canada Continued on Page Twenty-three, Column Seven

MAID ALLEGES EMPLOYER STOLE KISS FROM HER

Causes Arrest of Real Estate Man. Who Denies the Soft Impeachment Ella Kessler, twenty years old, em-ployed as a maid at the home of Ber-nard Cohen, a real estate dealer living at Carpenter above Sixty-first street, child. He added that if Mrs. Laumeier tripped and fell over a rug. Cohen caught her, fearing she would strike the floor and get hurt, and then, according to the girl, he kissed her. The maid thought this was an excess

of gallantry. She swore out a warrant for Cohen's arrest and haled him be-fore Magistrate Scullin.

According to the testimony, given at n hearing last night, Cohen was trying to pacify his baby. But the baby was obdurate and finally he passed the in-

fant over to the maid.

As the girl reached for it she tripped, so she said. She didn't make it quite clear whether she dropped the baby or She was quite sure, however, about the kiss and said that Cohen held first by the Fascisti leaders and then

Cohen made a general denial of the cording to these plans, the new militta alleged offense. He was held in \$1000 will be independent from, but will work bail for a further hearing on Saturday but was permitted to sign his own bail

MAN ENDS LIFE BY GAS

Is Easiest Way Out"

Leaving a note for his sister, in which he said "I am tired of living and this is the easiest way out of it," Anthony Schmeig, thirty-four years old, a boarder at 1438 North fourth street, early today stuffed the cracks of the doors and windows of the kitchen and, lying on the floor, turned on the gas.

The kitchen door opens on a rear

alley. On their way to work Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Fuerley, 1429 North Fourth street, smelled gas. They aroused Schmeig's landlady, who found her boarder dead in the kitchen.

followed. None suffered any serious in-No heliday meal is complete without eran-berries. Their color adds beauty to the ighle-sest to the food. Specify Estmer brand. --dev. Every Wed. Eve's COUNTRY STORE NIGHT

EASTON POLICEMAN SHOT AND KILLED BY TWO BANDITS

Had Attempted to Arrest Men Accused of Insulting Woman

ONE SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER REVOLVER BATTLE

Assailants, Believed to Be Fugitives From Justice, Wanted in Wilkes-Barre

Easton, Pa., Dec. 20 .- Two fugitives from justice from Wilkes-Barre, who were halled on the street here by a po- of the mine, and that Clark had a gun liceman, last night shot and kitled the in his hand. officer as he approached them.

The policeman was Rush Steabling sens, marries Miss Helen Traub, of Audubon, N. J. assistant to the city detective. He was

they escaped. Later in the night one 'Now you fellows run' and the firing of them. John Buckley, nineteen years started. old, was captured after another gun

The policeman who made the arrest held his prisoner in front of him to protect him from bullets sent in his direction by the second man, whose name, according to Buckley, is Walter man: 'You great big — can't Molin. Fliers describing him have been kill you?' and fired into his body sent to police in all nearby cities and

Steahlin was about to question the men when he met his death. Mr. and Mrs. John Reddy, who were on their Hahnemann, Deranged by Illness

Miss Marian Jackson, fifty-four years old, last of a prominent Lansdowne family, leaped to her death from a fourth-story window of the Hahnemann Hospital about 9 o'clock this morning.

Lansdowne Woman, Patlent at Mrs. John Reddy, who were on their way for the home near the city limits of Easton, had reported to him that lonely spot and insulted the woman with their remarks.

"What are you doing, looking for trouble?" Mrs. Reddy's husband demanded.

manded.

Miss Jackson, who had been a patient the bandits replied as he drew his for some time, was suffering from a pistol. "We are strangers here looknervous disease, and hurled herself from ing for a good time, and anybody that the window during a temporary de- interferes will get his head blown off. Several passers on Fifteenth street the men to leave. Mr. and Mrs. Reddy tw the woman fall. They ran to her hailed the car and returned to the Several passers on Fifteenth state and the car and returned to the saw the woman fall. They ran to her hailed the car and returned to the saw the woman fall. They ran to her hailed the car and returned to the city in it, fearing to proceed to their did and carried her into the hospital. On South Third street they saw home. On South Third street they saw She died ten minutes later.

Miss Jackson, whose home is at 22
Fairview avenue, Lansdowne, had been in failing health for several years. She

A short time later as the policeman

in failing health for several years. She had been treated by many physicians and had been at the hospital since treet and Ferry avenue, Mr. Reddy saw the men coming down Third street. pointed them out to the policeman as they passed. Steahlin called after them to wait

and started after them. The policeman was shot twice, both bullets entering his head. He was a few minutes after being admitted there,
Buckley, questioned at City Hall,

said both he and his companion were fugitives from Wilkes-Barre, where they are wanted, he said, for and aggravated assault and bettery possession.

bearings in connection with the im-penchment charges brought against Atyoung bandit is Patrolman Mazzeo. Early this morning Molin was seen on torney General Daugherty, an early wind-up of the proceedings appeared the street again and was chased by Policeman Keller. The bandit shot at the policeman several times and the latter returned the fire. leged war frauds was granted Mr. Woodruff at his request on appearing

"WALLY" REID BETTER

Will Hays Visits Film Actor at Hollywood Sanitarium Los Angeles, Dec. 20 .- (By A. P.)-MOTHER TO SUPPORT CHILD BORN AFTER HER DIVORCE respiration were normal and his pulse

down to 100.
Will H. Hays, head of the motionmeler to Sue in Missouri Court picture industry, yesterday visited him civilian employes at the Brooklyn navy New York. Dec. 20.—Supreme Court and expressed the hope that Reid would base were arrested today on indict-Hays met Mrs. Reid at the sanatorium

a could born to her four months after she was granted a divorce in July, 1919, in St. Louis. Laumeier maintained it had not been proved he was the father of the child.

Judge Mullan said the Missouri divorce was a binding adjudication that the patient looked much based. The Grand Jury, charging that Government property to the value of more than \$1.000,000 had been stolen since the war. The arrests were made by agents of the Department of Justice.

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BERNHARDT BETTER

Noted Actress Wishes to Resume Rehearsals

Paris. Dec. 20.—Sarah Bernhardt was so improved in health yester-day that she wanted to return to the theatre to take up rehearsals with Sacha whose play she intended to give Her doctors have counseled a few days' rest.
The noted artist was deluged with let-Rome, Dec. 20 .- (By A. P.)-Plans ters and telegrams expressing wishes for transforming the militant section of the Fascisti into "the militia for for her recovery.

TO UNIFY IRISH RAILWAYS Dublin, Dec. 20 .- (By A. P.) -The Free State Government has decided on unification of the Irish railways in will be independent from, but will work either one or two groups. Legislation in unison with, with the police force, and will be at the services of "God and duced in Parliament within six months.

> An Ambassador Writes a Novel

Some one once remarked that the best fiction was written by diplomots! Be that as it may, some fiction writers have been good diplomats. One of these is

Richard Washburn Child Ambassador at Rome and United States official observer at the Lausanne Conference, scho has written 'The Vanishing Men"

A novel of mystery and romance. It will appear in Evening Public Ledger

Herrin Men Told to Run; Shot Down as They Fled

Survivor Testifies Wounded Victims of Mob Were Brutally Killed-Names One of Defendants as Slayer

By Associated Press

Marion, III., Dec. 20.—William-Cairns, the second survivor of the Her-rin riots to testify at the trial of five men in connection with the slaying of twenty non-union workers, took the witness stand today. Cairns, who fol-lowed Robert Officer, the first survivot to take the stand, testified that after the defenders of the mine surrendered under a white flag, the prisoners were marched out of the bit with their arms bove their heads.

"After the march started some men "After the march started some men took me back to the mine to point out where we had kept our arms. They let me look in my locker for some keepsakes I prized highly and then we rejoined the mob without finding guns."

The witness then pointed out Otis. Clark as one of two men he had seen with C. K. McDowell, superintendent

Fired at Fleeing Men "Then we marched on and I heard

"'Hugh Wills is coming.' The witness continued. Willis is an official of the miners' union. We marched on we came to a barbed fence with sound of the pistol shots, engaged in a four or five strands and some one shouted: 'All men with guns line up to

> "I tried to climb through the fence, but fell with a load of buckshot in my body. A riffe bullet grazed my scalp. While I was lying there, I saw a blood-covered, wounded man leaning against a tree. A big man with a gun came up and said to the wounded The witness then pointed to Peter Hiller, one of the defendants, as the

Herrin Orphan Girl Buffeted by Fate

By a Staff Correspondent Marion, Ill., Dec. 20,-Fate plays relentless game with six-year-old unnita Hudgins, whose father, Guy Hudgins, was one of the three union men killed at the Lester strip mine last June. Two years before his death, Juanita's mother fled.

The miners' local union buried Hudgins and arranged that widowed sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Hudgins, take care of Junnita. Yes-terday she died and little Junnita is alone again, prodded and goaded cruelly by circumstances she can

"Then I saw another man fire a shot into the body of John Shoemaker, assistant superintendent of the mine he lay wounded on hte ground," s continued.

Three men with guns came up to cemaker and one said: 'Here's that Shoemaker and one said: -machine gunner' and put a gun to his head, blew it off." Cairns said that a crowd had then found he was alive and subjected him to all kinds of abuse for an hour when Sheriff Thaxton, of Williamson County.

came up with some other moved him to a hospital.

said be was one of the guards at the Officer testified today in response to questions by the defense that the mob-seemed to have several diffrent laders at diffrent tims as it marched toward Herrin. He said he was shortsighted. the nearest he got to any of the leaders

with some other men and re-im to a hospital. The witness

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

SAY VICTORY HALL WOULD COST \$16,000,000

The County Commissioners announced today that the proposed Victory Hall, to be erected on a plot bounded by Vine and Wood and Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, will cost not less than \$16,000,000 provided all suggestions the Commissioners have received by various organizations are carried out. "But we are not going to let the building cost anything like that amount." said the Commissioners. "We are going to keep the cost within \$5,000,000,"

VOTE ON DISPLACING SUBSIDY BILL AGAIN DEFERRED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- Futile efforts were made again in the Senate today by supporters of the Administration shipping bill to bring to a vote the question of whether that measure should remain before the Senate or be displaced by the Norris

REVEAL VAST LOOT TAX-EXEMPT PLAN FROM NAVAL BASE BLOCKED IN HOUSE

Twenty-two Employes at Proponents Decide to Lay Aside Brooklyn Arrested on U. S. Indictments

agricultural financing measure.

New York, Dec. 20 .- Twenty-two base were arrested today on indictments returned several months ago by and accompanied her to the bedside of a Federal Grand Jury, charging that her husband. Reid thanked Mr. Hays Government property to the value of tax exempt securities, urged by President Management of the property of the value of tax exempt securities, urged by President Management of the property of the value of tax exempt securities, urged by President of the property of the property of the value of tax exempt securities, urged by President of the property of the property of the value of tax exempt securities, urged by President of the property of th since the war. The arrests were made the Treasury.

> alleged wholesale thefts which the authorities said included clothing. and other materials used at the navy base. The twenty-third man under indictment was not found at the navai base today. The investigation has been

under way for months. Navy intelligence officers undertook to find out the cause for the discrepancies between the inventories and the stock supposed to be on hand, but the detective force, the members of which were apparently well known to those who were doing the stealing. William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, then asked for help and order-ed Edward J. Brennan, head of the bureau's New York office, to assign operatives. Brennan consulted Police Commissioner Enright and borrowed services of Detective Francis

Trainer. Under the direction of Federal Agents Robert Walsh and Palph Navarre Lieutenant Trainor men were put into the warehouses as checkers, i watchmen and bookkeepers. detectives found themselves watched narrowly until they took advantage of opportunities obviously put in their way of stealing small articles such as wrist watches and marine glasses.

Not until they actually concealed these articles and pretended to steal them were they able to get any evidence against the men now in custody. They learned that Government property was being stolen by the truckload, including great boxes of clothing, paint by the barrel, crates of glass and com-mercial alcohol by the gallon.

Instances were found in which waste and salvaged materials bought by con-

tractors were substituted by new goods or by other merchandise than that mentioned in the contract; in other cases for death," he asserted. twice the quantity of actual salvaged stuff contracted for was delivered.

Think of Whiting. -- Adv.

REACH MER ROUGE IN DRIVE ON KLAN Mystery Surrounds Next Move of Guardsmen Ordered Out

by Governor Parker BODIES OF MISSING MOB

VICTIMS REPORTED FOUND

State Executive Determined to Stop Hooded Outrages Attributed to Ku Klux

New Orleans, Dec. 20 .- Company G. National Guard, of Monroe, ordered mobilized by Governor John M. Parker in a crusade against the Ku Klux Klan, has arrived at Mer Rouge, and pitched camp, according to a telephone dis-

patch received here today. The company includes sixty-eight armed men, fully equipped. Although the troop movement is known to be directed against the hooded klansmen, the precise purpose of the mobilization it this time has not yet been revealed. The guardsmen were moved on orers which were issued through the Rouge, but Governor Parker is silent on the next step to be taken.

Kidnapping Recalled

It generally was believed the troops vere sent to Morehouse Parish in connection with the situation growing out of the kidnapping last August by hooded men, supposedly members of the Ku Klux Klan of five Mer Rouge citizens. two of whom-Major Watt Daniels and Thomas Fletcher Richards-still are One report yesterday was that the

soldiers would go to Bastrop to guard he courthouse during an open hearing of the Mer Rouge kidnapping, said to have been ordered by Governor Parker. Still another was that they would drag a lake near Mer Rouge which is believed by relatives of the missing men may contain their bodies. The Mer Rouge kidnapping case which for four months has baffled all of the

legal machinery of the State of Louis-iana, originated, it is said, as a result of a feud between rival factions of

of a feud between rival factions of Morehouse parish.

Although the Ku Klux Klan organization of Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi have been charged with being involved in the mysterious disappearance of Major Daniels and Richards, many citizens of Northeast Louisiana believe that the case goes much deeper than alleged Ku Klux animosity and is more or less racial, rivalling in many respects the celebrated feuds of the Cumberland mountains of Kentucky.

Tennessee and Virginia.

Fight Brewing for Twenty-five Years Although the feudal fight was said to have been brewing for a quarter of century, involving some of the leading families of Morehouse Parish, a climax was reached on August 24, when J. L. Daniels, seventy years old. former prominent Mer Rouge chant; Watt Daniels, his son; Watt Davenport, scion of a leading Louisiana family, and W. C. Andrews, a planter, were kidnapped by forty or fifty masked men on their way from Bastrop to their

men on their way from Bastrop to their homes in Mer Rouge.

A big highway celebration and fes-tival was held at Bastrop on August 24, and thousands of people attended. The five victims of hooded riders at-tended the celebration, witnessed the baseball game between Monroe and Bas-trop and then sasted hourse and Bastrop and then started home in the eve-ning in two automobiles. When they were midway between Bastrop and Mer Rouge the hooded men appeared on the highway and seized the five. Watt Davenport was released within an

Searchers for twenty-four hours tried to find the men who were kidnapped and the day following the affair the Improvement was reported today in the condition of Wallace Reid, motion-picture actor. The latest report issued from his bedside in a Hollywood sand-tarium stated his temperature and gave but little information in regard to the kidnapping. For a while neither Daniels nor Andrews would discuss the case, but they

pone further consideration of the Green on their way to Mer Rouge by masked resolution for an amendment to the men and severely beaten. For several Constitution prohibiting issuance of weeks Daniels was in a precarious condition because of his age Neither Daniels nor Andrews was dent Harding and Secretary Mellon, of able to identify a single person in the Treasury. formation in regard to Daniels' son. Watt, and Richards.

finally told of how they were kidnapped

announced that further consideration of Daniels declared he recognized Armeasure "would go over until after kansas and Mississippi automobile IIthe holidays" because of the absence of cense tags. cannot tell a thing now anymore than I could the night of the

Representative Garner, Texas, rank-ing Democrat of the Ways and Means columning." said Dantels, in discusscommittee, who led the fight against the resolution, declared in a statement ing the case again yesterday. Blindfolded and Beaten that "It was licked." Mr. Garner and

We were blindfolded and taken to woods and beaten and my son and lilehards were taken away from us, and we have not heard from them since. I net know any of the men involved the kidnapping, but they looked like hat we know of the Ku Kiux, as they ad hoods and robes." Following the kidnapping the More-house Parish Grand Jury was organized at Bastrop and made a thorough investigation, but no indictments were

returned. When district court officials failed to solve the mystery, Governor Parker an-nounced his determination to use all the power of the State in the case Governor Parker's investigation and that of Attorney General Coco have been shrouded in much mystery and directed from the State capital at Baton

Rouge.
For the past three months there have Toledo, O., Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)—
Police today are holding John Marazino, twenty-three, for examination, in
both as to his sanity and his story citi Police today are holding John Mara-zino, twenty-three, for examination, both as to his sanity and his story that he knows who murdered William bodies of Richards and Daniels, which, according to some persons, were be-lieved to have been cast into a lake in the vicinity of Mer Rouge.

Washington, Dec. 20 .- In a state-

ment issued last night Dr. W. R. Evans, imperial wizard of the Ku Kluz tion and was driven out of California by members of a "dope ring" who knew that he knew who killed Taylor. the effect that his real mission in visiting the capital is to lay groundwork for an ambitious scheme seeking ultimate control of legislation.

Rumors had spread during the day that Evans had even seen President Harding at the White House, but this was denied by the President and subwomen's apparel, which sequently by Evans.

he knew who are dope ring members of a dope ring Taylor's death. "Several memoers of a several have followed me all the way from California into Ohio and I am market A suit case the prisoner carried.

Marazino said he had used to disguise himself to escape his pursuers.

Proposed Amendment Until

After Holidays

Washington, Dec. 20.-House Re-

After a conference of leaders it was

large number of House members.

those with him in the fight were in the

when notified that the measure had been

Debate had not been concluded when

the House adjourned last night and

the resolution had the right of way

again today. Republican leaders, it was said, were disconcerted by the opposi-

tion in their own ranks and opponents

had asserted that as the proposal need-

ed a two-thirds vote it could not be put

MAN SAYS HE KNOWS WHO

KILLED WILLIAM D. TAYLOR

Toledo Police Inquire Into Dope Ring

Story and Examine Youth

Desmond Taylor, motion-picture director, in Hollywood, Cal., a year ago.

rector, in Hollywood, Cal., a year ago.

Marazino was arrested late yesterday after he had entered a dwelling

house and asked to be hidden, declar-

ing that he was marked for assassing

chamber prepared to go on with

put aside.

through.

publican leaders decided today to post-